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CLAIMS OF WESTERN STATES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Mr. Farnsworth to-day submitted the following memorial from the Governors of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, concerning claims of those States to the 2 per cent from sales of public lands:

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress:

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of the claims of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to the payment of 2 per cent reserved into the National Treasury from the proceeds of public lands sold in those States respectively, being part of the 5 per cent fund to be disbursed by the General Government for the construction of roads and canals within which the States rendered a large amount of service, and which fund has for many years after they were disposed of to purchasers. In making this request we cannot doubt that such payment will be made, unless there be some good reason can be assigned why the claims of the States should be denied by the Government of the United States to these States. To withhold payment would be to discriminate unjustly against our States, and to violate the faith of the nation. We do not propose, however, to relinquish the claim for the amount we have expended in the service of the United States, but will be ready at any time we shall be called upon to submit the same to the proper officers of the said act, to the end that it may be ascertained what is the difference, if any, between the amount we have been expended in the service of the United States, and the amount we have been expended in the service of the United States, and the amount we have been expended in the service of the United States, and

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING.

Terms on Which Partially Completed Frame Buildings May be Completed.

The Street Cleaning Contract--The Militia to be Gratefully Remembered.

Mr. Thompson Confirmed--School Land Leases.

No More Miner Lamps--The City Printing--Another Meeting Saturday Evening.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held last evening, President McAvoy in the chair. There were also present the following Aldermen, and A. C. Hering, who sat next Ald. Carney: Otis, Dixon, Coey, McGennis, Thompson, Dacey, Stone, Tracy, Hickey, Collerton, Bailey, Clewry, Botsford, Holden, Sweet, Witbeck, Heath, Gardner, Sherwood, Gill, Cleveland, Buehler, McGrath, Schmidt, Blunt, Schaffner, Langsdorf, McCaffrey, Carney, Clarke, Ogden, Busse, Woodman.

PETITIONS, ETC.

A petition of Elisa Dyke to finish a frame building on Fulton street, near Sangamon, was referred to the Board of Public Works, with power to act.

—A petition of Dr. A. J. Baxter, containing bills for professional services, was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting.

—A petition from the proprietors of a wholesale meat market on Randolph street, asking for the reduction of a rental, presented by Ald. McGrath, was referred to the Committee on Markets.

—Half a dozen free licenses for peddlers and others were granted on petition.

—A petition from Messrs. Heiman & Titus, with regard to the fire ordinance, was referred.

—An invitation from a Fire Extinguisher Company to witness an exhibition, corner of Jackson street and Michigan avenue, was accepted.

—A petition from Samuel Ladd and others, for right of way for the Chicago & Evanston Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

—A communication from George D. Harvey, offering to purchase a lot belonging to the city, on the corner of Washington and Clinton streets, was referred.

—A petition of G. W. Noble to move a frame building from West Randolph to West Jackson street, gave rise to discussion on the fire ordinance, before it was referred.

—A petition of Mr. S. Taylor offering to purchase a lot on the South Side, was referred.

ESTIMATES FOR A FRAME HOUSE.

A petition of Dr. T. W. Carr, of No. 326 West Madison street, asking permission to remove his building, was presented.

Ald. Holden moved to grant the permission. He stated that the petitioner was going to brick the front of the building.

Ald. Gardner moved to amend by granting the permission on condition of his building a 12-inch wall all round his house.

The amendment was lost.

The prayer of the petitioner was granted.

THE POST OFFICE BLOCK.

The following petition was presented:

GENTLEMEN: Your petitioner represents that he is one of the owners of the Post Office block, so known on the southeast corner of Dearborn and Monroe streets. That said lease expires about eight years from this date and that the corporation has the right to purchase said land at a valuation then to be had. Your petitioner would therefore respectfully request that said land be sold at said valuation, and owned by him, his insurance being wholly in Chicago companies, and worthless, and that, under the circumstances, he should have the first privilege of purchasing said lot at its valuation.

Referred to Committee on Buildings.

ASSESSMENT FOR WIDENING STREET.

A petition was received from Elizabeth Doering, asking for compensation for the loss of her husband, Andrew Doering, a fireman, who was killed from injuries received in the discharge of his official duty. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

FINISHING HOUSES.

A petition of Peter Staats to finish a house on the North Side, caused Ald. Busse to speak on the fire limits.

Ald. Gardner insisted that the Board had no power to act in the premises, in the ordinance.

The prayer of the petitioner was granted.

PERMISSION TO FINISH FRAME BUILDINGS.

Ald. Bailey, under a suspension of the rules, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be instructed to grant the application of all persons desiring not exceeding two stories in height, now in process of erection within the fire limits, where the same are not over one and one-half stories high, and where the cost of their erection and completion, and where the expenditure of not more than 50 per cent of the same is actually estimated cost, the building shall be discontinued; but where the building is advanced beyond 50 per cent of the estimated cost of the same, and the cost of the same so far costs the same, the Board being judges, the parties may proceed to finish the same, not exceeding two stories in height, by entering into bonds to brick the same in a safe and satisfactory manner within six months from the time the roof is to be constructed as prescribed by the present fire ordinance, those already completed failing to comply with these provisions, they shall not proceed; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and are hereby requested to cause the present system of inspecting frame buildings with a view to the erection of brick to be immediately discontinued, as we believe it to be unsafe at all times, and especially at the present time, and to take fire from the inside, as the walls will be likely to fall with almost the grab heat of the fire, thereby endangering the lives of the firemen in throwing off all protection to the surrounding property; but that no thereof would prevent the wall to be laid not less than eight inches in thickness, and well secured to the posts and studding.

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The resolutions were ordered to be laid over and published.

STREET CROSSING WEST LAKE STREET.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys of the West Division reported an ordinance, before the Council before the fire, for the straightening of West Lake street, west of Western avenue.

The engrossment was waived, and the ordinance passed.

THE BRIDEWELL SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

The Committee on the Bridewell, to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor notifying the Council of the appointment of Mr. C. H. Felton as Superintendent of the Bridewell, at a salary of $2,000 per annum, reported in favor of the same, and recommended that the Board be allowed at that amount, and requiring him to give bonds of $10,000, all previous action of the Council fixing the salary of this officer being rescinded.

The report was concurred in and the resolutions adopted.

LAMP POSTS IN THE BURNT DISTRICT.

The Committee on Gas Light, to whom was referred the resolutions of Ald. Langsdorf, authorizing the erection of lamp posts on certain streets in the North Division, reported in favor of the passage of the same.

The report was concurred in.

SO MORE MINER LAMP-POST LAMPS.

The Committee on Gaslights, to whom was referred a communication of the Board of Public Works, with respect to the further use of the "Miner street lamp," reported that the said Miner street lamp was in every way inferior to the ordinary lamp heretofore in use, and cost 30 per cent more. Hence the Committee reported recommending that their further use be discontinued.

The report was concurred in.

BILL OF N. F. LOBERG.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred the claim of N. F. Loberg for work done on the City Hall, reported favorably to the payment of the same.

The report was concurred in.

WAINWORTH & CO.

The same Committee, to whom were referred the bills of Wainworth, Twohig & Furse, for the heating apparatus of the Court House, recommended their payment.

The report was concurred in.

ANOTHER MEETING THIS WEEK.

Ald. Mandfrey moved to amend Council's adjournment be until Wednesday evening.

Ald. Bailey moved that when the Council adjourn it be until Saturday evening.

Ald. Holden spoke against the Council's adjournment be until Wednesday evening.

The motion to adjourn was lost,—yeas, 12; nays, 30.

Ald. Thompson moved that the Council, at its adjournment, adjourn to meet on Wednesday evening to consider the fire ordinance.

Ald. Tracy moved to amend by making it Saturday evening.

It was carried.

Ald. Schaffner moved to adjourn. The motion was lost—yeas, 13; nays, 19.

THE CITY PRINTING.

Ald. Sherwood moved that the report of the Committee on Printing, on the price to be paid for the city printing, and also the communication of the *Evening Mail* Company, be taken up and engrossed.

Ald. Holden wanted to have the *Republican* do the city printing. He moved to reduce the rates from 40 cents to 30 cents where it occurs, and 5½ cents to 20 cents.

Ald. Thompson inquired what the circulation of the *Republican* was.

A general smile pervaded the Council.

Ald. Sherwood defended the action of the Committee. If the Council were going in for such papers, they might take the *Union Park Banner* or *Dorsey's Weekly*.

Ald Gill was never in favor of the *Evening Post* for the City Printer, but the *Evening Mail* was nominated in a caucus in which Ald. Holden was a very prominent member.

Ald. Bateham thought the *Evening Post* had no more circulation than the *Mail* or the *Republican*.

Ald. Dacey said that the paper was designated past redemption.

A. Woodman saw no reason why the *Mail* should be chosen in preference to the *Post*. Its circulation was larger and it was a more respectable sheet.

Ald Otis offered the following substitute for Ald. Holden's resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to advertise for proposals, from the daily newspapers now printed in the city, in the English language, for all the city printing for the term of two years, to be done in the corporation newspapers, and report to this Council at the next meeting, for its action thereon.

Ald. Clarke moved to adjourn.

The motion was agreed to, and the Council adjourned.

CITY AFFAIRS BRIEFLY CHRONICLED.

The Board of Public Works.

It may not be generally known that the meetings of the Board of Public Works, through whose hands is disbursed more than one-half of the municipal expenditures, are held in secret, the doors of the room being invariably locked against the public, whose only information as to the transactions of the Board usually come by word of mouth from the Secretary, or his assistant, or, at best, is obtainable from the book in which are recorded the minutes of the proceedings. Such are the facts, and it is also true that there is no systematic regularity in the meetings of the Board. It is supposed to be in session at all times, or at least, to hold a session each day. The present practice is to meet whenever it is convenient for each of the Commissioners to be present, and it often happens that not more than one or two formal meetings a week are held. There would seem to be no good reason why the Board of Public Works, like the Board of Police, should not hold regular meetings, nor why those meetings, like those of all the other Boards, should not be of a public character. It is understood that as soon as the Board shall have settled down to higher grade an effort will be made to effect these changes.

A Fugitive from Justice.

Detective Dressler, who left this city last evening having in charge Frank Seibart, who is wanted in the smokey city for obtaining goods under false pretenses. Seibart was at one time possessed of a large amount of cash and real estate, and was a successful grocery dealer. He subsequently lost in speculations and failed, but went to work again and put in stock of goods into his store on time, representing that he had sufficient property to secure payment. It appeared that he had not, and one of his creditors had him arrested. He was in custody for a short time, but got out on bail, under his case was called in Court he was missing. It was ascertained that he was in Chicago, and Detective Dressler was put on the track. He was running a hotel, the Artic House, Nos. 95 and 97 South Canal street, and was doing a good business.

The Gambling House Affray.

Justice Scully issued a warrant, yesterday morning, for the arrest of Ben Helling, one of the gamblers who was in the saloon, No. 73 West Madison street, at the time W. W. Wert shot himself in the head with a pistol. Ben is a heavy, stout fellow, and is known as "Dutch Ben." The charge against Dowling is assault with intent to kill. He has not been arrested, and his whereabouts are unknown to the police. Wert's condition was about the same yesterday, and his recovery very doubtful. He is still under the care of the coroner, who will likely to fail with almost the grab heat of the fire, thereby endangering the lives of the firemen in throwing off all protection to the surrounding property; but that no thereof would prevent the wall to be laid not less than eight inches in thickness, and well secured to the posts and studding.

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THE LAW COURTS.

The Conclusion of a Notorious Divorce Case.

Transaction in Corn--Question of Salary--Mechanic's Lien.

The Blue Island Hot Coffee Homicide--New Suits, Etc.

Superior Court.

THE VON GLAHN DIVORCE SUIT.

The once notorious divorce suit of Mathilda Von Glahn against Baron Hildebrand August Von Glahn, was finally disposed of yesterday by Master in Chancery Ingersoll, in favor of the complainant, on the ground of cruelty. The case has been pending in the Courts for many years, though the real controversy has been in regard to the question of alimony, the Baron being possessed of a very considerable fortune. The case was tried before a jury nearly two years since, when a verdict in favor of complainant was returned. The decree gives the custody of the child to Mrs. Von Glahn, and requires the husband to pay over to her, without delay, the sum of $10,000, in lieu of all claims for alimony and dower.

OTHER DIVORCE CASES.

Lizzie A. Busbee v. John L. Busbee. Bill for divorce on the ground of desertion. Married April 21, 1861.

—Fanny M. Tryon v. Albert M. Tryon. Bill for divorce on the ground of cruelty. Married July 13, 1870.

A CORN TRANSACTION.

The case of Robert F. Burt and another against John M. Wallace, Andrew M. Henderson, and Robert S. Wallace was on trial. This is a suit to recover $10,000, the value of a quantity of corn sold to defendants. It seems that plaintiffs employed one Paul to purchase corn for them, which he did, and shipped it to the defendants. The defendants, however, claim that Paul threw on them for the amount, and that plaintiffs must look to him and not to them, for the money.

In the case of Samuel C. Smith, against the Safety Deposit Life Insurance Company, of Chicago, a verdict for $500 was rendered. This was a suit to recover for services as bookkeeper before the present organization of the company was effected. The defendants claimed that the time the supposed services were rendered the company did not exist, and that the present stockholders were not liable for the sum claimed to be due.

EJECTMENT.

An action of ejectment was commenced by Frederick R. Wilson against J. W. Morse to recover possession of Lots 15 and 16, Block 2, South Side Addition, being the south ½ of Blocks 1 and 3, Assessor's Subdivision of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 18, township 39 north, range 14.

MECHANIC'S LIEN.

A petition was filed by Edward Hanson against Mary Mooney for a mechanic's lien on the premises at the southeast corner of Elm and Selah streets.

TRESPASS.

An action of trespass was commenced by Gustav Gottmanshauser against Augustus Bauer, in which damages are laid at $10,000.

CASE.

An action of trespass on the case was commenced by William Dahncke against R. Forest, in which damages are laid at $1,000.

ASSUMPSIT.

An action of assumpsit was commenced by James G. Merriam against Julius Loescher, in which damages are laid at $1,000.

Circuit Court.

THE BLUE ISLAND HOMICIDE.

The trial of Adolph Zinn, charged with murder,—the killing of his wife Frederica,—had been set down for yesterday, but when the names of the witnesses were called it was found that Mrs. Martha Rock was absent. Her husband represented that she was sick, and that she might or might not be present during the day, when her testimony would be required. This uncertainty, because she is a material witness, having been the first person to view the mangled remains, and the one who heard the first statements of the accused after the alleged homicide, caused the prisoner's counsel to move to quash the panel. This the Court granted, under the circumstances, there being no imputation of want of diligence on the part of the People.

THE CHAPIN SHOOTING SCRAPE.

In the Criminal Court, yesterday, the case of Charles Chapin, policeman, was continued to the next term. The indictment in this case charges the defendant with the wilful and malicious shooting of John Quinn, while in charge of a wagon, for not, upon the instant, turning from the railway track upon the approach of a car upon which the policeman was riding. The accused claims that he can show by our Charles Devillus that he acted in self defence, for that as he was about to arrest Quinn for violation of the ordinance in relation to street railways, that individual struck him twice severely, with an iron wrench. This witness is absent from the city.

Circuit Court.

ATTACHMENT.

The case of Bradley, Loveland and others against Arman G. Hyatt and James F. Taylor, was on trial. This is an action of assumpsit to recover certain moneys claimed to be due, and an attachment in aid sued out on the ground that defendants were about to conceal their property for the purpose of hindering creditors.

REAL ESTATE.

The case of Augustus Bauer against Gustav Gottmanshauser was on trial. This is an action of ejectment to recover possession of the south 1 feet of the north ½ of Lot 22, Bronson's Addition.

An action of assumpsit was commenced by Joseph H. Bradley and another against Charles J. Meixner, in which damages are laid at $1,000.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The furious snowstorm which prevailed last evening was unheeded by at least enough people to densely pack the Academy of Music in every part, there being little or no standing room. There was an unusually large number of tneily-dressed ladies in the audience, and how they ever got there through the snow is cruel to contemplate. It was the inauguration night of the career of the Academy as a star theatre, with "Rip Van Winkle as the attraction, and Robert McWade as *Rip*. This actor is not altogether new to Chicago, having played an engagement in this city nearly two years ago, and the occasion hardly calls for extended comment in the height of its personation of a character rendered famous by one of the greatest of living artists. The story varies materially in detail from the Jeffersonian version, but the central figure is almost identical. It is the same *Rip* in nature, though Mr. McWade's interpretation and handling of the *role* are in the main peculiar to himself. In his hands the humorous side of the character is more strongly developed, but there is no lack of pathos in the more pathetic phases. There are numerous novelties in his version of the play and the *role*—so many in fact that we have no room to enumerate them. Suffice it to say that he is far from being an imitator, and that he is an actor of genuine merit. His personation of *Rip* is excellent, and he will have little difficulty in increasing ability up the interest during his engagement. The support of the company was, generally speaking, fair, though undesirable changes could be made. It is not one requiring very much at the hands of the company. The part of *Lida* (*Rip's* teenagent child) is not sufficiently developed when he is, sincerely to be hoped that it is not the best that we must expect from Mrs. Wright, as she is unfortunately cast for parts not in a role to which she is so poorly adapted. Her faults are not so much in action as in interpretation. She shakes-up the character by being flagrantly overdone in some respects, while weak in others. After making due allowance for a "first appearance," there was much room for improvement, if not occasion for a reassignment. The reappearance of Mrs. Myers in a *role* in which she has become so well known was the occasion of an outburst of applause which must have been exceedingly flattering to that lady. No one will expect to hear from her that she was all that could be desired. She always is that, and her many friends will be glad to greet her again. Of little or no importance in the cast Miss Whittle made a most pleasing impression by her grace and naturalness, and it is easy to see that she will not fail to gain favor. The male assignments were all well borne, more especially those of Messrs. Padgett, Pritchard, Maynard and Everhaim. There was noticeable a lack of smooth-working efficiency which will wear away quickly as the members of the new company get better acquainted with each other and with the audiences, and there is little reason to fear that anything will be wanting in this respect.

The play was superbly put on the stage, the scenery in the Catskills being a gem of artistic effect. "Rip Van Winkle" will be locked up, and will have a hearing at the West Side Police Court this morning.

—In the course of the burglars' raid upon the guests of the Metropolitan Hotel, Sunday night, a gentleman was robbed of a note which he had just received from the cashier of the hotel in bank bills, ascertained its valueless character, whereupon he coolly refolded and shoved it under the gentleman's door, which he knocked down, and found it, next morning.

—The gamblers who were arrested by the West Side police on Saturday night, were arraigned at the Police Court yesterday morning. Harvey Smith, proprietor of No. 53 Madison street paid $50, and nine inmates of the place $20 each. John Ryan, of No. 73 West Madison street, was fined $50, and fourteen men who were playing faro when the police entered, were assessed $20 each. Andy Dudicis, of No. 73 West Madison street, and Morris Martin, of No. 118 on the same thoroughfare, had their cases continued until this morning.

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To the Wholesale Trade.

The building 80x100 feet on the southwest corner of Washington and Franklin streets—now in the best business section of the city—will be finished as fast as the weather will permit—probably before the 1st of May. The first or the four stories is nearly up. The whole building can be used very advantageously for a single store, and it is offered for this week for rent to the wholesale trade. Tracings of the building—to be finished to suit a tenant—can be seen at the Tribune Office, No. 18 Canal street, between 1 and 2 p. m.

New Billiard Room.

The proprietors of the Sherman House Billiard and Sample Room will open a branch establishment of the same kind on Wednesday, 24th Inst., next Twelfth, this evening. The old favorite, Pete Snyder, will be Superintendent. At the opening several billiard experts will be present and display their skill, among whom will be Deane, Vermilyea, Beauford, and others. Deane & Dorr cordially invite their friends to be present.

Cod Liver Oil.

Hazard & Caswell's Cod Liver Oil is the best.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Circuit Court Judges Clamoring for Their Pay.

Award of Contracts for Furnishing Provisions and Fuel to the County Institutions.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board of County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, President Julius White in the chair. There were also present the following Commissioners: Ashton, Crawford, Harris, Harrison, Herting, Hitchcock, Jones, Lonergan, Pahlman, Roelle, Skelly, Stearns.

TRIAL OF INSANE PATIENTS.

A communication was received from the County Clerk requesting the appointment of an attorney to look after the interests of the county in trials of insane persons in the County Courts.

It was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

JUDGES ASKING FOR PAY.

A petition from the Judges of the Circuit Court, praying to be paid $2,000 on account of salary, the remainder to be paid when the question of the full amount be settled,—was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HARTWELL BROS.

A communication from Hartwell Bros., requesting an amicable settlement of their bills, was received.

The Chair stated that he had been called upon by one of the firm, who had inquired whether the Board would confer with them on the subject. He had replied that the proposition of the firm would probably be received by the Board.

It was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

EXTRA HOURS AND EXTRA PAY.

A communication from S. G. Bradley was received, claiming that the Board had no right to deduct from his salary as Bailiff, the services for which he had received outside pay being performed "before breakfast and after supper," when the county had no claim on him. He prayed that the $10 deducted from his pay be refunded.

The prayer was granted.

PAY UP.

A petition from residents of the town of Lemont was read, praying that the sum of the sum of $1,000 voted for the building of a bridge by the Board of Supervisors, only $600 had been paid, and requesting that the balance be paid.

Commissioner Skelly said he was Highway Commissioner of the town, and made the contracts, and could testify to the justness of the statement, which was a matter of history.

NOT A COUNTY BURDEN.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the bill of Benjamin L. Cleaves, for stoves and fixtures of the Criminal Court, recommended that said Cleaves have leave to withdraw his bill, on the ground that the county was not responsible for the expenses of the Criminal Court. It was adopted.

COURT HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS.

The Committee on Public Buildings reported in favor of paying James Hogan $1,000 for the heating & ventilating apparatus in the Court House.

The report was adopted.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS.

The special Committee, to whom were referred the various bids for supplies for the county, presented their report, of which the following is a summary:

MILK.

For supplying milk there were four bids, the lowest being that of C. Hanna, at 14½ cents per gallon. The Committee recommended the award of the contract to him; and it was adopted.

MEAT FOR THE HOSPITAL.

For meats for the hospital there were seven bids, the lowest being those of J. Higgins & Co. and J. G. Wustrum, who were ready to supply at 9½ cents per pound. The Committee drew lots between them, and the result was that the latter was recommended to have the award. The contract was awarded as recommended.

MEAT FOR THE INSANE ASYLUM.

For meats for the Insane Asylum there were seven bids, the lowest being those of Kendall & Hansar,—$4 74 per hundred pounds for beef and mutton, and to them the Committee recommended the award of the contract. Their bid was conditional upon all the stabled cattle in a central place in the South Division. If Wustrum declines, the contracts to go to Reinhardt on the grounds of cheap feed. The Superintendent of Charities "will look for a contractor for the North Division at 6 cents per pound." The report was concurred in.

WOOD FOR THE INSANE ASYLUM.

For wood for the Insane Asylum there were two bids, the lowest being that of Harms, at $6.95 per cord, to whom the Committee recommended the award of the contract. Concurred in.

FOR THE HOSPITAL.

For bread for the County Hospital there were five bids. Messrs. Childs & Verdier, the bid of 2 1-2 cents per pound being the lowest and the only one recommended the award of the contract to them. It was concurred in.

BREAD FOR THE COUNTY AGENT.

For bread for the County Agent, there were five bids. To Childs & Verdier, as the lowest bidders, at 2½ cents a pound, the Committee recommended the award of the contract. Concurred in.

A BATTLE HIS BONES OVER THE STOVE.

For the same reason they were four bids, that of William Vehemiah at $1.75 being the lowest. the Committee recommended that the contract be awarded to him, subject to the approval of the Relief and Aid Society and three it down examining, "D—n it, where has the money gone to?" He spoke to Miss Elma Lang, who was in the room, and drew a chair up in front of the stove. Miss Lang drew a chair up in front of the stove. Miss Lang drew a chair up in front of the stove. Miss Lang

PARIS.

The Orleans Princes in the General Assembly.

Marriage of the Duke de Nemours' Daughter to the Prince Czartoriski.

The Duke d'Aumale and the Academy.

A Lion-Tamer Killed by Lions.

Alleged Communist--The Emperor of Brazil.

FEARFUL TRAGEDY.

From Our Special Correspondent.

PARIS, France, Dec. 23.

THE ORLEANS PRINCES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

After much discussion and many preliminaries, which hurt their cause more than they helped it, the Orleans Princes have taken their seats in the National Assembly. Their friends, who have made much out of this, permit me to say that the week has not a bad one for them in every respect, as it would not take much more to ruin it entirely in public estimation, where, to this time, and even now, they stand as the details of this peculiar performance, which some think is the preface of future Presidency, some of a Constitutional Royalty, while the Legitimists believe it was lunch for them; but, if I am not mistaken, it will lead to nothing at all. The Empire in labor brought forth a mouse, and the Republicans on both sides make so much ado about this admission that it can convince nothing but mere fancies, and no definite plans.

After various parleyings with Mr. Thiers, and, rather unreasonably, as it seems to me, without any compromise, they have not want the Princes to take their seats, to persuade them from it, appealed to the promise made by them ten months ago, Duke d'Aumale and the Prince de Joinville went to their continuels letters at once appeared in the papers. In these letters, which were not well written and received, they said, in substance, that since their election as Deputies, last January, they had, for the good of public order and at the request of the Chiefs, been abstaining from taking their seats; that circumstances having changed, desired to enjoy their rights as Deputies for the sake of their constituents, and, first unreasonable, that Mr. Thiers, by their promise, had questioned their right to be admitted as Deputies, and that, consequently, they appealed to a higher tribunal, to know whether they could be admitted or not; that, if not, they were the confused, obscure, diffuse letters of two claimants who are pitting, but who are ready to take all the people will give them. They appeal to their constituency. "If the will of the People," say the Princes to me, I will perform them." Prince Napoleon in 1848, under similar circumstances, said, "If the people call me, I am ready to perform my duties." say the Orleans Princes to the National Assembly of 1871. *Lysdem furiare.*

Their letters were read, and the Assembly was restrained by respect for election, and circumstances, but equally to refer power.

Debate was followed by resolutions offered by the General Assembly, and they declaring that the Assembly, not being obliged to take cognizance of agreements which did not concern it, could go on with its regular business.

This showed some indifference for the and there is reason for surprise in that their 200 supporters should not have voted. But the reason is that of three Legitimists called on Chambord a few days ago, to ask if he would pledge himself to help a real restoration, or, in other words to the Count de Paris, his cousin, Henry of the Count de Chambord. The latter, without refusing, declined to commit himself upon the Legitimists, who, in consequence, will not vote for the Republicans against the Princes. A resolution to this effect was passed, and would probably have been carried by the friends of the Right, but agreed to vote for it themselves, rather offensive to the Princes, and has left to return to Paris.

THE POLITICAL SPLIT.

The political split, not merely in the Assembly, but in that of the Princes themselves, while the two brothers, d'Aumale and Joinville, differ on the subject. The latter is a decided Constitutional Monarchy, represented in July, 1830, she Clermont is a Legitimist, and ready to enter the Chambord. This is not in that the may be a play acted by the Princes, like the great Italian families, where there are three children, one is a boy, one for Victor Emanuel, and the other for Garibaldi. I do not believe it. As far back as his father was on the Throne, the Princes passed for a Legitimist. They resided at Chateau Eu, and looked on as something of a Re- We have seen our different seekers and, even when they were Republicans, there were many parts that believed in nothing.

MARRIAGE IN HIGH LIFE.

All these things may be, they do not touch the Princess Marie Mathilde, who in a few days to be united to the Prince Czartoriski. This person, the head of the Polish emigrants in France, is thought to be very rich, and lately married to a daughter of Prince Jerome Napoleon. Queen of Naples, who has the well-deserved reputation of a good and kindly gentleman, if not of a brilliant one, is charged by Russia. He has a fine mansion in the city of Paris, Hotel Lambert, where he is said to entertain sumptuous ly. I believe that he prefers to keep on quiet existence as a retired Grand Duke, for the risk of a new conflict with powerful antagonists is great. And what can be done when he is conquered and divided as it is, and will wait to see what that Providence who makes Empires, to do?

Time is to take place in a few days as already being received at the Court de Chambord, and visited by his cousin, d'Aumale, and as an extra copy of the Count de Paris, a string of pearls and diamonds of England has given a present of good omen; and the Princess Marie is to send some of the Polish emigrants. The Prince de Montpensier in Brazil will present the Princess Marie on her return to Versailles, where they will be received at the Academy.

THE DUKE D'AUMALE AND THE ACADEMY.

The Duke d'Aumale, who is in every way distinguished, and in every way the Orleans family, whose most striking all things else in his family, is a candidate for the Academy. He has published several works, among others the History of the House of Conde,—its ancestor was seized by the Duke, and his son is looked on as the Prince of the Blood. He has resided in Paris for 6 months, and has always had a following in men of rank. It is said that the objects of its establishment were vanity, to give Academicians to the Princes, and sons of the Princes, sorrow from the Academy several vanish from their seats, which is followed by democracy.

Very sharp discussions in the Municipal Council in regard to the Right, not have prosecuted; but the Right was a member of Paris. It is thought that at the close of its career, member of its Municipal Commissions that it was opposed to prosecute, and that the Left had left to return to Paris, and has left to return to Paris, and has left to return to Paris, and has

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THE GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.

We have been informed, from time to time, that great indignation is felt at Washington against the owners of real estate in the business centre of Chicago, because they have not offered a whole square, and especially the square on which the old Post-Office and Custom House stood, to the Government, at a reasonable price. What would be a reasonable price, in the estimation of these critics, we are not informed. Hence, we have no means of estimating the value or importance of an indignation so vague. It would assist us somewhat if we were furnished with the prices paid by the Government for real estate in other cities of corresponding size and commercial importance; for instance, in Boston, where ground was recently acquired, in part by purchase and in part by condemnation, for the erection of a new Post-Office. We venture to say that plenty of ground can be procured here, within the limits prescribed in the act of Congress, for less than one-half the price per square foot paid for corresponding property in Boston.

But, before passing an unqualified condemnation on the greed of Chicago real-estate owners, let us see how much of this alleged extortion is due to the form and manner of procuring the bids. The Government asks the twenty or thirty owners of a certain square to say at what price they will sell their property. A majority of these owners we will presume, are willing to accept a fair and reasonable price, and to sell to the Government on as favorable terms as they would sell to private individuals. A minority conclude that this is a good chance to sell at an exorbitant price. One or two, perhaps with good conscience, set an extraordinary value on their property, not reflecting that business centres in large cities are constantly changing, and that ground which may be worth a large sum per foot to-day may not be worth half that sum ten years hence. The influence which the minority, whatever motives may govern them, exercise upon the majority, is to impel the latter to put a higher price on their property than they had originally intended. "Why shall A get twice as much for his lot as I got for mine?" is the natural inquiry of B. So up goes B's price to the level of A's, his lot being in every respect as favorably situated. And thus it happens that the few greedy or giddy owners fix the price not only of their own property, but of all the rest. This is inevitable; it is human nature; it is the certain consequence of an unbusinesslike proceeding on the part of the Government. Any competent real-estate agent can buy a square inside the prescribed limits for 25 per cent less money than the Government can acquire the same property for by any other process than condemnation. By the latter process, and by that alone, is the Government enabled to acquire ground on as favorable terms as private individuals. It does not follow, however, that the power to condemn must be exercised in all cases. The purpose to exercise it wherever the price demanded is deemed excessive, will be sufficient, in most cases, to effect a sale at the actual value. Such a proceeding would probably have the effect to knock off half a million dollars from the aggregate sum demanded for the Post-Office square.

THE TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS.

To the people of a city who have just lost by fire 20,000 buildings, which, with their contents, had a value of $300,000,000, the cost of the materials to be used in replacing their buildings is a better and more substantial form is of direct interest and concern. We propose to take up each important article which can be classed as a building material, and, giving the facts concerning it, ask the attention of the people of this city, and of all others having to use any of these materials, to the frightful and enormous addition to that cost which is made by law, and extorted from the public, at the cost of labor and of time of the many, for the mere personal gain and profit of a few persons, principally corporations. As the list of articles is a long one, we will consider them separately, and begin with the article of TIN:

Tin is not an American production. In the advertisements of railroad lands, and of various "colonies," there are frequent suggestions of tin mines, and traces of tin; but the fact remains that there is no such thing as American tin. Consequently, the tax on tin cannot be claimed as necessary to enable American miners to compete with their pauper brethren of other countries. All the tin consumed in the United States comes from England, or Holland, or the East Indies. More than half comes from England. That received from Holland is from the Dutch East Indies.

Tin is used partly as a building material, and is a raw material for various uses. Block-tin, or tin in pigs, is used in making solder, type-metal, castings, and largely as the body of Britannia and other wares. It is used extensively, with other materials, by all the manufacturers of silver plate. Tin plates are sheets of iron dipped in tin. "Terne tin," used for roofing, is iron dipped in a mixture of which tin is a component. Tin is of universal use. It is employed in every house; it enters largely, in some form or other, into the construction of buildings. Its manufacture gives employment to thousands of workmen. Tin, therefore, is a raw material requiring, before use, the labor of skilled workmen. In 1870 pig-tin was free, and the duty on plates was 10 per cent. But, during the war, some personal interest was promoted by an increase of the tax, and the tax at present is as follows:

Blocks, pigs, and bars	15 per cent.
Plates, sheets, and terne	35 per cent.
Plates, galvanized	35½ per cent.
Foil	30 per cent.
Manufactures of	35 per cent.

This taxation is wholly unnecessary. The tax on pigs and bars ought to be removed. The tax on plates, sheets, and terne tin is oppressive. It is literally a tax upon the laborer. It taxes him on his dinner-pail, on the roof and spouting of his dwelling, and on the cooking utensils of his kitchen. It enters directly into the cost of living, adding thereto, with the incidence, 40 per cent to the cost of every article made in whole or in part of tin. It is a grievous tax upon the manufacturers of all kinds of articles in which tin is employed. The tax on block or pig-tin was levied in the interest of the Philadelphia owner of a nickel-bed near Lancaster, who sought thereby to compel the manufacturers of plated and other wares to use more nickel. Every other commodity entering into the composition of the body-metal of their ware was also taxed, including foreign nickel. Subsequently, one or two men in Philadelphia pursued the organization of a company to manufacture tin-plate,—which is iron dipped in tin,—and also "terne tin," or roofing, which is iron dipped in a mixture of lead, tin, and, perhaps, other substances. In anticipation of this company engaging in the business, the tax on the imported article was increased from 10 to 35 per cent, and, on plates galvanized by battery, to 51 per cent. We do not know whether this Philadelphia company ever began business or not; but there is the tax still standing, and collected of the people at large.

There are to be built, in the burnt district of Chicago, thirty thousand buildings. In each of these houses there is to be used, in the shape of roofing, spouting, air-pipes and tubes, solder, and various compounds in which tin is a part, an amount which will reach in value an average of $30 per house. There are, in addition, twenty thousand families who, in refurnishing their homes, will average an expenditure for tin-ware equal to $10 per family. The total cost, therefore, of the tin in its various forms, to be used in rebuilding and refurnishing Chicago, will not be less, including labor, than $1,100,000. Of this the material will cost $300,000, of which, including the original tax, premium on gold, and the incidence, $150,000 will be taxation.

If to the sum of this taxation on the article of tin, used in the rebuilding of the burnt district of Chicago, be added the sum paid in all other parts of the country, taxpayers will, perhaps, comprehend how much they pay, under the pretext of protecting "home industry," upon all their expenditures. If Congress were to propose to levy a tax of $150,000 on the tin which may be used in rebuilding Chicago, there would be an universal protest; yet the tariff, as it stands, does levy that tax, and collects it in like proportion from every man building a house, or using tinware among his kitchen furniture, not only in Chicago, but in all parts of the country.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Committee appointed by the recent meeting of citizens, to draft a bill authorizing cities to establish and maintain Free Public Libraries,—the appointment having special reference to the establishment of the Chicago Library,—have finished their duties to the satisfaction of those who appointed them, and all that now remains is to urge the expeditious passage of the bill by the Legislature. The Committee have based their bill upon the one already pending in the House; and the two are identical in their general effects. The only essential points of difference are, that the Legislative bill authorizes the Common Council of any city to levy a direct tax of one mill for library purposes, while the Citizens' bill limits the tax-levy to one-fifth of a mill in cities having over 100,000 inhabitants; that the Legislative bill vests the appointment of Trustees or the Library Directors in the Common Council, and the Citizens' bill vests it in the Mayor, with the approval of the Council; and, lastly, that, while the Legislative bill provides for a charge of dues from those receiving benefits, the Citizens' bill makes the use of the Library entirely and absolutely free.

These points have been well taken by the Committee. The one-fifth mill tax will be amply sufficient to maintain the Library. The only necessary expenses are rent, salaries, and purchases of books, as the Directors shall deem best. The Boston Public Library requires but about $35,000 per annum for its running expenses, while the one-fifth mill tax will yield us between $50,000 and $60,000, which ought not only to meet all legitimate expenses, but leave a surplus, as a considerable share of the books will be secured by private and public donations. The vesting of the power of appointment in the Mayor, rather than in the Council, is also an excellent measure. There will be less likelihood that the Library will be administered in the interests of any political party, or religious sect, which would at once defeat the very object for which it is to be established. In regard, to the third point, the Committee have wisely decided that the Library shall be free as air. Dues are unnecessary, because the annual tax is sufficient to meet the expenses. It is not established for purposes of revenue; and, if there is to be any income connected with it at all, it should be in the interests of protection, and arise from fines imposed for the detention of, or injury to, books.

The erection of a suitable building for the accommodation of the Library is not necessarily included in the province of the bill. This is a matter upon which the city should make haste slowly. What is immediately desirable is prompt legislation which shall enable us to secure the advantages so liberally tendered to us by our Eastern and foreign friends. We want no objective point from which to work. We want the law settled that we have the system legitimately established, and that the liberal donations which have been offered can be received, and cared for, and administered so as to carry out the purposes of the donors. We want the starting point established, and then the movement is automatic at once. We, therefore, urge upon the Legislature the importance of prompt action on this subject. It does not call for any special appropriation from the Public Treasury; its policy is not partisan, and its purpose is the general good.

TOBACCO AS A MORAL TEACHER.

Some of the statistics furnished by Israel Kimball, head of the Tobacco Division of the Internal Revenue Department, have an important moral bearing. He estimates the number of consumers of manufactured tobacco and cigars in the United States at 8,000,000. As there were taxes collected on 95,000,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco, and 1,350,000,000 cigars, during the fiscal year ending June last, this would give to each individual consumer an average of 11 pounds and 14 ounces of tobacco, and 167 cigars per year. From other estimates, Mr. Kimball concludes that the tax on tobacco has in no wise diminished its consumption, and that not more than 5 per cent of the taxes was evaded. In closing his report, Mr. Kimball says that he has yet to find the first man who has uttered a complaint against the tax, or to see the first petition for its reduction; and that "A majority of these consumers find a pleasure in contributing thus indirectly to the revenue of the country, and an additional motive for continuing in the indulgence of a luxury in which four-fifths of their friends, at least, cannot participate." All of which, we submit, tends to show that the moral power of tobacco has never been properly estimated. Its influence in making its consumers honest puts at rest the base calumny that "From the devil comes the seed." No other article of consumption in food, drink, or wearing apparel has this power. No tax on building material, on commercial values, or manufactured products has yet exerted an influence for good upon man's moral nature. There is a universal tendency to evade every other description of tax known to the Revenue Department. The tobacco-consumer alone is honest, and pays his tax not only without grumbling but with positive pleasure, and, as he chews his fine-cut or smokes his cigar, does so with the proud conviction that he is performing his duties to his country, tempered by the sad reflection that four-fifths of his friends, at least, are derelict in duty and evading their national obligations. And now we commend these facts and figures, showing that the use of tobacco is calculated to make the users both honest and patriotic, to those persons who preach sermons on the immoral tendencies of tobacco.

General Logan has earned the hearty gratitude of every citizen of Chicago for the able, dignified, and eloquent manner in which he presented the claims of our city, in his speech in the United States Senate on the 16th inst. The pending question was on the resolutions asking for a remission of the import duties on building materials for the term of one year, and the suspension of the collection of Internal Revenue taxes which had accrued prior to the date of the fire. In his speech on the propriety of passing these resolutions, Mr. Logan cited the precedents of relief offered by Congress to Venezuela in 1812, to Alexandria in 1827, and to Portland in 1858, where the loss of material value was not nearly so large as in the case of the Chicago fire. Having established these precedents, Mr. Logan discussed the results of the fire, not alone as affecting Chicago, but also in its injury to the commerce and industry of adjacent regions, closing with a comparison between the Chicago fire and the other great fires of the world, and a graphic picture of the progress and ravages of the conflagration. His speech is not only to be commended for its rhetorical and oratorical merits, but for the hearty sympathy with our losses, the close interest in the present and future condition of the city, and the faithfulness and energy of effort to repair our injuries, which it manifests. The entire speech is imbued with the same spirit which marks the action of our citizens at home, and shows, while we are working here with all our might to recover our position as a city, he also is working as our representative, no less energetically, towards the same end. The impartiality of his effort, which seeks for the general good of the whole city and knows no special interest, as well as his energy and ability, alike call for the most cordial gratitude and hearty recognition of every citizen of Chicago.

The Coming Japanese.

Our readers have been grossed by an expedition from Japan, no less formidable than that which overran the country in 1869, causing great excitement along the line of march, forty thousand squibs in the newspaper press, a hundred-thousand dollar appropriation from the Secretary of State's contingent fund at Washington, and a million-dollar blow-out on the part of Alderman Roche and other patriotic City Fathers of New York. The present visitors are warranted to be of the first rank, and entitled to carry two swords apiece. It is proposed to entertain them handsomely, by way of propitiating the country which they represent. This is advocated on the special ground that the Japanese Princes will visit all the principal European nations before returning to the Mikado's dominions, and that it is therefore important that we should be ethnomously liberal and hospitable. In view of the opportunity which those nations will have for overbidding us, however, we do not see the policy of making any effort of the nature of a bid for international good will.

There is no doubt, however, that to be on good terms with the Japanese is a desirable thing. How much better, for instance, a diplomatic representative from Japan would have performed in such a case as that of the recalled Cataczay. While the latter, having taken offence at certain things, was maligning the Secretary of State, cramming the reporters of the press, and plying the Russian Government with misrepresentations of the situation, a true Japanese nobleman would chivalrously rip open his own bowels, and there would be an end of it; a fresh Minister being, we suppose, sent over to us by the first steamer.

Some twenty specimens of what Japan can furnish in the way of Ambassadors are, as we said before, already in this country, and will be in Chicago early next month. San Francisco has arranged a fine treat for them to-day, viz.: "an important surgical operation" for the afternoon, and a grand banquet in the evening. Whether their Celestial Highnesses are to be the direct recipients of the surgical operation, as well as the banquet, we are not in a position to state. Probably yes; and the surgical operation is doubtless that known in the popular parlance as "bleeding,"—a process to which no traveller who has passed through California is a stranger. But what can we do to amuse the "Japs" in Chicago? We do not wish to be outdone by the Pacific Slope. By way of displaying the skill of our surgeons, and, at the same time, furnishing our visitors with a valuable memento of the Chicago fire, we might lop off the tail of the O'Leary cow,—but that has been already lopped off, and is now on exhibition in at least fifty different places in Chicago. Again, we might amputate an Alderman or two from our Common Council,—but—well, we will wait until our visitors arrive. Maybe the Council will, by that time, be already thinned out sufficiently.

If Mr. Greeley doesn't get the nomination of either party for President, he seems likely, nevertheless, to achieve an honor scarcely less—that of being "busted," as the slang of the day has it. A movement is on foot in New York to build a bronze statue of the *Tribune* Philosopher, to occupy a place on Printing-House Square, opposite that of Benjamin Franklin. Nearly $10,000 and the fact that the obvious movers in the enterprise are some of Greeley's bitterest enemies—Dana, Hastings, and England being four for $500 each, and the last-named being the Treasurer of the Pacific Coast, and established a mercantile house in 1849, when but 24 years of age. He was at one time Alcalde of San Jose. He has devoted the past ten years to travel in the Old World, returning only to die.

—Mr. Angelo H. Miller is a compositor at South Bend, Ind. She learned to set type in her father's office, in Angola, when only 13 years of age, and a proof taken the other day of 9,000 ems, having but two typographical errors, proves that she "coming woman" may be a compositor without stepping out of her sphere.

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The mysterious law by which, in childish sports, marbles yield to tops, and tops to kites, at one and the same time throughout the country, applies, perhaps, to the pursuits of children of a larger growth. The Russians led off with a Legislative row; New Mexico followed; and now Nebraska has swung into line, and is playing the same play with great vigor and perseverance. The Senate was at a dead-lock over the question of granting 10,000 acres of land to a Salt Company. There were just six votes on one side, and half-a-dozen on the other. Finally, after some twenty-four hours of balloting, the President declares the Senate adjourned. Six to many members leave. Here is a chance not to be thrown away. The other six straightway declare the adjournment illegal, cause the absent six to be arrested by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and are now holding regular sessions, and endeavoring to entice another Senator to join them and make up a quorum. Meanwhile, the House escapes being prorogued, but evidently by the Governor, by adjourning for a few days just before the receipt of the Governor's message. The Nebraska press is, of course, intensely excited, and hand-bills calling for indignation meetings, and announcing that "The coalition is busted" fly thick and fast.

A very sensible movement has been inaugurated by the withdrawal of several subordinate Unions from the Workingmen's Union of New York City, because that organization had been used as a political weapon. This diversion of such associations from their original pursuits has become very common, and has resulted in attaching unjust obloquy to them. Ranting demagogues have used them to ride into power, and then have brought contempt by their ignorance on the men whom they pretended to represent. There are certain objects sought by these associations which fall legitimately within the sphere of politics, and must be gained there or not at all. When such questions come up, it is meet that the whole power of the organization should be exerted to secure them by favorable vote. It is folly, and worse than folly, to stifle individual liberty so completely as to give the leaders of the Order power to cast its whole vote, in any election, on whichever side they please. This is the game which has been tried in New York City, and this is the game which has been, we hope, blocked by the independent action of some of the Lodges.

A strong effort is to be made, at the next session of the Connecticut Legislature, to alter the existing basis of representation in that State. The singular fact is stated, that, by the Constitution, Representatives are elected, not from districts apportioned according to population, but from towns, with the proviso that all towns incorporated before 1784, whatever their size, shall have two Representatives, while all incorporated since have only one each. Thus Union, with 700 inhabitants, has twice as many Representatives as Bridgeport, a city of 30,000 people. The flagrant injustice of allowing a vote in Union to counterbalance 15 votes in Bridgeport is so evident that it seems as if the proposed reform would be adopted at once. But the Land of Steady Habits clings to its reverence for age. Under the present system, the country voters will so naturally unwilling to give up their present advantages; but the system is too unnatural to resist the pressure of public opinion long.

It is a common joke to say of those who claim to have been "through college," that they went in at one door and were kicked out at the other. This is precisely the sense in which Citizen Gilbert may be said to have "gone through" the Court House. He commenced his career in the Council Chamber, at the top of the west wing, and finishes it in the jail at the bottom of the east wing, having "gone through" the edifice diagonally. All of which appears to have resulted from a too apt disposition to "go through" parties with interests pending in the Board of Aldermen.

The wildest theories of the Paternal System of Government have been embodied in a bill by Scott Russell, which will be brought before the British House of Commons early in February. If it were adopted, the English Government would have its hands full for the with. By its provisions, every workingman is to have a comfortable house for forty dollars a year; food is to be furnished him at wholesale rates; he is never to work more than eight hours; and education, classical and technical, is to be free to him at all times. If it were possible practically to carry out all the ideas of Mr. Russell's measure, the acquisition of wealth would cease to be a motive of human action; for the man who had accumulated money would have to share it with those who had displayed less industry, economy, and enterprise than himself; and, after having done this, would be, at least as far as the duration of daily labor is concerned, in a far less comfortable position than they.

Now that Glade has gone to his reward (six months in the County Jail, and $100 fine), the public will, doubtless, have a good appetite for the trial of the dozen other Aldermen and ex-Aldermen accused of accepting or extorting bribes while in office. This justifiable desire cannot, however, be gratified at present, as it is said that the District Attorney has two or three murder cases on hand which demand speedy trial, the parties accused being closely confined in jail, and, therefore, entitled to as early an opportunity as possible to prove their innocence, if they be wrongfully accused. The alleged official malefactors are all out on bail, and are reported "as comfortable as could be expected." They will probably take their turn on the calendar of the Criminal Court, which will, let us hope, arrive speedily, since it is a great pity to have such a splendid array of legal and forensic talent running to waste, as that engaged by the Aldermanic ring to defend them in these suits. Meantime, the public will have to bear as best they may the two principal privations of Chicago at this epoch, viz.: the scarcity of bricks with which to build new warehouses, and of Criminal Court to try corrupt officials and rioters.

Besides the paucity of students, and the lack of funds, and the need of buildings, most of our Western Colleges suffer from a chronic complaint of incapable instructors. The Regents of the University of Wisconsin have, accordingly, spared neither time nor money in organizing the Faculty of that institution, and have lately secured a Professor of Elocution whose claims to eminence are summed up in the proud statement that he "was champion oarsman of the New England Colleges." The bearing of excellence in rowing on excellence in speaking is a mystery to the uninitiated; and, when we reflect that there never has been any champion oarsman whatever of New England Colleges, we trust, for the sake of the University of Wisconsin, that the other merits of the gentleman in question are better founded than the one which the Regents claim for him.

PERSONAL.

Caleb Cushing was 72 years old Jan. 17.

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DEMOCRATS LYING LOW.

The opinion is becoming stronger here daily that the Democrats are "lying low for black ducks." While it is yet too early to form a judgment, there is, nevertheless, a large body of men of that party, indeed, a large majority of those here—who acknowledge there would be no chance of ever electing their candidate, even if they could make a nomination, and that if they were to make a nomination, and that it would be folly for them to attempt it. To such further, there are a good many of the leaders of the party who have always been prominent, who fully declare in favor of their colors, who are now in both the Senate and House, who fully declare in their conversation that they will go for anybody who stands a chance of beating Grant. As the situation now appears, all believe that no combination will be made by them. And, from the present attitude of the two parties—the Administration, led by President Grant, and the opposition, led by Greeley, Sumner, Fenton, Trumbull, Schurz, and others—it does not appear that any reconciliation will occur; it seems probable that the latter will not consent to the nomination. Of course, before next time will make a great change in one way or the other, but as the look now, from this point, the opposition will be divided, and the Democrats will support him—at least that man, as it looks now, will be Mr. Justice David Davis, of the United States Supreme Court.

JUDGE DAVIS AS AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.

He is a Republican of undoubted standing and ability, and would make a most excellent President. While has never failed to vote himself on record as a Republican, where it was expected, yet he has never taken part of his way to exasperate the Democrats and has never been in a political position where he was forced to make himself prominent on several party questions. For instance, he is not objectionable to the Democrats. He has never been mixed up with tariff matters, and he is, therefore, not open to the tariff interests of Pennsylvania or to the free trade sentiment of the South, nor even to the revenue reformers, if such things exist. He has not been mixed up in reconstruction matters, and has he had occasion to express himself upon the present condition of the Southern States. He is, therefore, not objectionable to the South while he is very unpopular at the other hand for not sustaining the loyal people with greater strength, and on the other by troubling the Ku-Klux—in the slightest particular. Inasmuch to that, he has taken sides in State politics, and divided the party in almost every Southern State. So, all in all, Grant is not popular there.

Judge Davis is a Western man, and stands very high at home. He has been considered for many years as one of the strongest and ablest men of the country, and he is highly thought of by the legal profession all over the country. He is personally a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman, and has a great personal popularity. His character is pure and his nature as noble and honest as ever man possessed. His mind is clear; his experience in life great; his observation wide, and his judgment quick and strong.

PHYSICALLY AND BIOGRAPHICALLY.

Physically Judge Davis is a picture. He is tall and large, his shoulders are broad, his frame massive, and his stomach is beautifully rounded like an an inverted balloon, which is thrust in his hips. His stomach is large, but is very jolly, and his waistcoat is over it tight and nice, as though it were used to have such a lining. Altogether, Judge Davis is a very companionous man. He must weigh over three hundred pounds, and, to be just, he has a million dollars for every hundred pounds of flesh. His head, surmounting such a massive frame, is small, but I judge it to be of more than ordinary size. His hair is brown, plentifully mixed with gray, and closely cut. He wears a closely trimmed beard, also gray, to match his hair. His eyes are blue, or gray, and very mild, but his nose was evidently intended for a man with a larger face. His age is 57, and he is as young and active a man of his size can be. Physically and intellectually, he is just in his way, being no older in appearance than many men at 45.

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Judge Davis is a Western man, and stands very high at home. He has been considered for many years as one of the strongest and ablest men of the country, and he is highly thought of by the legal profession all over the country. He is personally a very pleasant and agreeable gentleman, and has a great personal popularity. His character is pure and his nature as noble and honest as ever man possessed. His mind is clear; his experience in life great; his observation wide, and his judgment quick and strong.

PHYSICALLY AND BIOGRAPHICALLY.

Physically Judge Davis is a picture. He is tall and large, his shoulders are broad, his frame massive, and his stomach is beautifully rounded like an an inverted balloon, which is thrust in his hips. His stomach is large, but is very jolly, and his waistcoat is over it tight and nice, as though it were used to have such a lining. Altogether, Judge Davis is a very companionous man. He must weigh over three hundred pounds, and, to be just, he has a million dollars for every hundred pounds of flesh. His head, surmounting such a massive frame, is small, but I judge it to be of more than ordinary size. His hair is brown, plentifully mixed with gray, and closely cut. He wears a closely trimmed beard, also gray, to match his hair. His eyes are blue, or gray, and very mild, but his nose was evidently intended for a man with a larger face. His age is 57, and he is as young and active a man of his size can be. Physically and intellectually, he is just in his way, being no older in appearance than many men at 45.

He was born in Maryland, but graduated at Kenyon College, Ohio, in 1832. He studied law in Massachusetts, and went through a legal course at Yale College Law School. He was one of the pioneers of Illinois, having settled there in 1835, and began the practice of law in the back woods. He was elected to the Legislature in 1844, and was for a long time prominent in the convention which framed the present Constitution. He was repeatedly elected Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, serving in all, in this capacity, thirteen years, when he was elected to the same position in the State, wielding such influence of character and ability, and such a degree of his faction with at once that he was strong enough to prevent Warmouth's being sent to the United States Senate. But for his having to do anything he chose, but he is a man of many resources, finest in speech, and to revel in the most popular excitements. "He is brave, is a soldier, and was commissioned as a major of volunteers in the war, and was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General from the end of the war.

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ALASKA.

The Aborigines at Home—How They Live—The Ladies and Their Decorations.

Sitka, Alaska, Correspondence of the Philadelphia Press.

The village contains forty or fifty houses. The population consists of one thousand Indians and two thousand Kloos. Of the dogs, all but one are of the same sharp-eared, wolfish type seen among the Indians of the plains. The exception was a bandy-legged, lop-eared cur of civilized breed, the only one among the two thousand that showed a lack of civility by barking at our heels. The houses much more resemble the semi-subterranean abodes of the Laplanders and Esquimaux than the wigwam of American Indians. Like the oak described by the American poet, they extended as far into the earth as above it. Some of them are from twenty to thirty feet square, and built of very wide cedar planks, many of them more than four feet across, worked out by these rude people.

We entered several. Creeping through apertures, both square and round, not more than three feet in diameter, we descended flights of steps into the large single room. In the centre of each a fire was built on the ground, and in the centre of each roof a hole, out of which passed a small portion of the smoke, the most of it remaining for the benefit of the salmon hanging over our heads, and to make sore eyes for the inmates. The whole inside is floored, except the fireplace in the middle. On both sides are the sleeping places, covered with skins and blankets, and in some instances separated by low partitions. In the rear, and on shelves below the dormitories, were stored potatoes and dried salmon in small bales, covered with matting. Their largest potatoes are the size of a hulled walnut.

The women were either cooking or working small baskets and other utensils of dried grass, in the manufacture of which they are surpassingly skilful. The men were building canoes outside, or carving odd images of wood or walrus ivory, for sale to curious voyagers, one of whom is your correspondent. This was indicated by his many purchases of queer pipes, little skin boats, bows and barbed arrows for the slaughter of fur seals, and other articles of *vertu* out of no especial utility. As time is of no value to these people, they bestow great labor for small rewards. A grass mat or basket, or an ivory carving that has occupied several days in its construction, can be bought for two or three bits, and a dressed deer skin, tanned as only they can do it, over which some hours of many days have been spent, may be purchased for a trifle.

Their canoe-building is worthy of note. Out of a huge spruce or cedar tree they work a model of perfect symmetry that will carry from five to ten tons. After roughly hewing it in the forest they tow and drag it to their homes, which are always near the shore, to be finished at their leisure. An Indian does not like to be hurried, and especially by such men as Sheridan and Crook. I saw many of these canoes in process of construction. The most curious operation is that of stretching them apart, when rednesd to the proper thinness of an inch or more. Before stretching they may be four feet deep and only two feet wide at the top. After the proportions will be reversed, making the width four feet. To accomplish this, the hollow is filled with water, which is raised to the boiling point with heated stones. It is then covered with mats until thoroughly steamed, when the stretching begins. The sides are kept apart by cross-pieces, which serve afterwards as seats for paddlers. But few of them have yet learned the labor-saving capacity of oars. They use no nails, but fasten their woods with roots and withes.

They make spoons and other useful articles from the horns of the argali and the tusks of the walrus. They burn the dead, and deposit the ashes in little out-door structures that look like a cross between an old-fashioned bee-hive and a small hen-coop. They build a square, hollow, pile of logs, and, after getting them well ablaze, thrust the body in head foremost, whereby the mourning relatives are consoled with the savory odors of roast Indian.

The ladies beautify their complexions with soot and red paint, and still further enhance their charms by wearing a bone through the nose, the size of which is increased from year to year until, in some of the old ones, it attains a width of two inches. An Indian lady thus adorned, with her coarse, black, uncombed locks hanging in matted profusion around her beautiful pig eyes and lop ears, is only resistible to those whose affections are thoroughly preoccupied. The dandies are fond of courtship must be doubled by the lights of courtship must be doubled by the presence a aroma of salmon which pervades the premises and, as I have heard, their persons.

Among them the crow and the raven are held sacred, and flit around their lodges unmolested. They live mainly on fish, and have a monopoly of the trapping. There is but one white trapper in the country, and he is at Cook's Inlet, six hundred miles W. N. W.

STARTLING SUICIDE.

A Young Lady Shoots Herself Through the Head—A Singular and Distressing Case—A Mystery to be Unravelled.

From the New York Times Jan. 20.

On Thursday night, about 10½ o'clock, Miss Isabella Titus, a beautiful and accomplished lady, 18 years of age, committed suicide at No. 58 West Twenty-fourth street, by shooting herself through the head. Two months ago she came in this city from her home in Jamaica, L. I., on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Galloway, who boards at the house named. For the first four weeks she has been at times extremely ill, and occasionally depressed in spirits, although she was naturally a cheerful, happy disposition. She often several remarks, which at the time sounded strange to her friends, but did not raise their suspicions that she was meditating self-destruction.

A few days ago she was walking with her sister in Broadway. Her dress was dragging in the mud; and her attention being called to the fact, she said in a tone of great depression: "It makes no difference; I shall never wear it again." She had a pistol of the Smith & Wesson pattern, which a friend in Massachusetts, with whom she had been accustomed to shoot at a target, had given her last summer, but although the fact of her possession of the weapon was well-known to her friends, it did not raise any alarm, especially as they believed she had no cartridges to load it with.

On Thursday Miss Titus was out shopping nearly all day, and after returning home about 7 o'clock in the evening, was observed to be very much depressed in mind. At Mr. Galloway, her brother-in-law, was going up stairs shortly after 7 o'clock, he heard a sound that seemed to be the click of a pistol in the room of Miss Titus, and on reaching his own room he said to his wife that Isabella was loading her pistol. Mrs. Galloway replied that it could not be, as she had no cartridges. This incident passed without further remark, and later in the evening Miss Titus was in the parlor, where a number of friends of the family were assembled, but her sadness was not noticed at the time, but her sadness was not noticed at the time. About 10 o'clock she left the room, bidding the company good-by, and adding: "I shall see you no more, as I am going home to-morrow." The remark seemed strange, as she had not previously announced her intention, and Mrs. Galloway accompanied her to her room and then entered her own. Miss Titus then ran down-stairs again to the parlor, and said "Good night very pleasantly to Mrs. Lewis, another sister also visiting at the house, after which she went up-stairs again alone, and sitting at the top of the flight from the third to the fourth floor, with her feet resting on the first step, placed the muzzle of her revolver to her head and fired. The noise alarmed the family. Galloway, rushing from her room, stumbled over the prostrate and bleeding form of the insensible lady stretched upon the floor at the head of the stairs. All the inmates of the house were in a moment gathered at the scene of the tragedy, and among them Dr. J. L. Pray, who has an office in the house, but he found some bald. Clowns never become bald. I don't know why, but it is so." A middle-aged woman, rather like a shabby housekeeper, enters, and addressing the young woman at work with a mass of tangled hair ["wig for one of Bluebeard's wives"] as "Dear," petitions that she may not be disappointed of her "front." Something in the voice is familiar, and you learn on inquiry that the housekeeper is one of the most popular and clever actresses of the day—and of another day when there were far more fun and far better acting than now. Then came several conversation that they will go for beating Grant. As the situation now appears, all believe that no combination will be made by them. And, from the present attitude of the two parties—the Administration, led by President Grant, and the opposition, led by Greeley, Sumner, Fenton, Trumbull, Schurz, and others—it does not appear that any reconciliation will occur; it seems probable that the latter will not consent to the nomination. Of course, before next time will make a great change in one way or the other, but as the look now, from this point, the opposition will be divided, and the Democrats will support him—at least that man, as it looks now, will be Mr. Justice David Davis, of the United States Supreme Court.

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Speaker Carter.

Speaker Carter, of the anti-Warmoth wing of Representatives of Louisiana, whose name is George W. Carter, was eight ten years ago a minister of remarkable influence and fine reputation in the Virginia conference of the Methodist Church, and well known also for his eloquence and other brilliant qualities. Shortly before the secession of Carter went South from Virginia, and to Petersburg, (Va.) *Progress* furnishes the following remarkable history of his career:

When the war came on Mr. Carter was among the first to take an ardent secessionist, creating quite a stir in Texas by his fervor and eloquence. He was made a Colonel in the Confederate army, and remained such for some months, but left the service on account of some difficulty with his officer. Next there was a great deal of mystery and some stir about a secret mission that Carter had in Richmond; it was evidently sent from some cause he had become a man to the Confederate, and was frequently in confidential communication with the Cabinet there. During the war we never heard a single word in the course of this scheme, but a few days ago, while traveling, happened to hear all about it.

Carter had, in some incomprehensible manner, incurred the secret, so jealously guarded by the English Government, of making the Armstrong gun. He brought six of his guns and enough of their ammunition to Richmond, and secured Colonel Gorgas, as was the fact, that he had learned the principle. He was, afterwards, given discretionary powers in the premises. Next in New Orleans, formed a company, bought, brought his imported workmen in on the blockade, and was just beginning to make money when New Orleans fell, ending in heavy losses to the contractors, what would have been an immense profit. Where he spent from this time forward is a matter of conjecture. He surrender his history is rather obscure, though that he distinguished himself in a battle or two in Arkansas, and was then known as Major Carter of Arkansas.

After the war he started in political life in New Orleans, where, for a few months, he was a leading factious spirit, and was soon constituted as a man of considerable ambition and ability in the management of political affairs. The experience he had in these matters proved of great use and seemed to grow in importance until now he is a leader in the State, wielding such influence as to have formed a party with a majority of his faction with at once that he was strong enough to prevent Warmouth's being sent to the United States Senate. But for his having to do anything he chose, but he is a man of many resources, finest in speech, and to revel in the most popular excitements. "He is brave, is a soldier, and was commissioned as a major of volunteers in the war, and was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General from the end of the war.

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JOHN V. FARWELL, President.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

ESTATE OF GEORGE W. TAFFEE, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of George W. Taffee, deceased, to present the same for adjustment and settlement at a regular term of the County Court of Cook county, to be holden at the Court House, in the city of Chicago, on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1872, being the 4th day of said month.
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Second Baptist Church.

Feb. 1—"THE MATTER KINGS."
Feb. 2—"THE MATTER QUEENS."
Feb. 3—Children's Matinee—"SCIENCE IN SOAP BUBBLES."

Tickets for both evenings, Feb. 1 and 2, 50 cents; reserved seats both evenings, 75 cents. Children's Matinee, adults, 25 cents; children, 15 cents.

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Wednesday Matinee, Mr. Matthew Morgan's

NEW YORK.

Lost Examined Before the Custom House Investigating Committee.

Alarm Caused Among Depositors by the Recent Savings Bank Failures.

Daily Review of the Leading Markets.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE BROKEN SAVINGS BANKS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The failure of the Market Savings Bank, and the excitement consequent thereupon, led to reports on the street to-day of runs on other prominent savings banks, which affected the stock market. The failure of so many of those institutions lately is creating apprehension among depositors that there may be a general rottenness, though there is really no reason to suppose that the old established banks are unsafe.

THE STOCK MARKET

opened strong with heavy transactions in Union Pacifics, 175 shares changing hands before the call. The price advanced to 2.9½. In the miscellaneous list, a pool was made in Quicksilver, which advanced from 36 to 39½. In the afternoon the market was weak, but the rumors of further savings banks troubles, and prices fell off with a general depression.

MONEY

opened early with 6 to 7 per cent as the rates on all loans. Prime commercial paper was quoted at 7 to 9 per cent.

GOLD

was firm at $1.09 to $1 09½, but was rather weaker at the close. The rates for carrying were 8, 4 and 6 per cent. The last quotation was $1.08½ to $1.09.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

declined to $1.09½ for prime bills from second hands. There is an increased supply of bond bills.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

were strong and higher than on Saturday at the offices of the leading dealers. An unusually good investment demand for small amounts was reported from those who have heretofore had their money in savings banks.

PACIFIC RAILROAD BONDS.

Central Pacific bonds closed at 102½@103, and Unions at 93@93½ for State, 92@93 for land grants, 87½@88 for incomes, and 83½@83½ for stock.

BREADSTUFFS.

There was a better general trade in State and Western flour, but without important feature, and prices were nominally unchanged. The improvement was simply a partial recovery from the stagnation which prevailed on the closing day of last week, and the market, under ordinary circumstances, would be called a dull one, with sales not equal to the receipts. The wheat market was firm, with rather more demand, part for export. Corn was active and closed at 1@2c advance on the closing prices of Saturday, which were the opening prices this morning.

[To The Associated Press.]

THE CUSTOM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The investigation into the Custom House frauds was continued this morning. Leet testified that he came to this city in 1866, and was then a clerk in a store; that he has been engaged in the General Order business during the last nineteen months; had a $5,000 yearly interest in the business; was not in active charge, although during that time he took no active part in it, as he was mostly absent from the city. Lindsay effected the business connection, ownership and with Bixby, and received the money from Bixby as a consideration in enabling Bixby to become a proper bondsman for Grinnell. Witness worked upon Grinnell through a letter from the President, and offered the letter in evidence. It is dated March 15, 1869, and introduced Leet to Grinnell as a business man of unquestioned integrity, and whom President Grant said he commended as possessing qualities necessary to confidence and trust. The witness first went as a private in the Chicago Mercantile Battery.

Mr. Leet testified that the letter produced from the President to Grinnell was the only one he ever heard on the subject. Never told the President whether the letter was used or not. Came to become an applicant for the General Order business. Never threatened Grinnell that, unless he gave him the General Order business, he would not be appointed Collector, as he had no influence to justify such threat. Neither Lindsay nor George Leet nor Bixby ever were interested a cent's worth in the business. His arrangement lasted with Bixby about ten months; never saw any money from the business. Washington, and never told Lindsay the receipts were insufficient for the expenses of any mess. The present Naval Officer, Murphy, refused to pay inspectors to hurry goods into the stores. No one but his partner and himself are interested in the profit of the dollar in general charges per package. Sometimes as high as $25 charged. The profits in one year were $12,000 in the bonded warehouse, and $42,000 on the General Order stores.

Question. The money that Bixby gave you was earned by an influence which you exerted in procuring Grinnell to designate his warehouse as a General Order store?

Answer. I don't know that it was.

Q. You concluded to remain in the army and receive a salary from Bixby?

A. I only remained in the army until the records were completed.

Q. In February of this year you instantly obtained leave of absence for six months?

A. I did.

Q. Did General Porter and General Babcock, your associates, know of the Bixby money?

A. No; they knew nothing of it.

Q. While you lived with them and messed with them did any important matter, that was liable to take you from the army, was ever mentioned to them?

A. They knew nothing of it.

Shortly after the renewal of Grinnell Murphy gave me the remainder of the General Order business. General Porter stated to me that the President requested that I had entered into an arrangement with Bixby. I never knew the reason of his disapproval was bringing his name and those around him into connection with me and those New York matters. I have no objection whatever to submitting my books to examination by any expert the Committee may appoint.

At the evening session the examination of Leet was continued. He testified that he was introduced to Lindsay to come on to Washington in reference to an investment in San Domingo. While receiving Bixby's pay as clerk in the store, while a member of the army was about $2,800 or $2,900. Waksman gave bonds in $20,000 and Sparks in $100,000 for him (witness). The profits of the concern were $19,000. The profits of the concern amount to $38,000, of which $17,000 were invested. He could state only by reference to his books what became of the rest. In starting business witness put in $1,000, and Colonel Lost $5,000. Colonel Lost was then asked as to what business Waksman was expected to do, and he said he was his counsel, but as the same time he did not know the nature of Waksman's suggestions to members of the Committee.

Senator Pratt then resumed the examination, and requested Leet to give a statement of the exact way in which the profits were invested.

Colonel Leet said that no goods had been lost since he had been in the business, and explained the way in which goods are stored and delivered.

Adjourned.

SUGGESTIONS FROM MAYOR HALL.

Mayor Hall to-day suggested to the Boards of Aldermen and Supervisors the passage of ordinances and propose such amendments to the charter as may suggest themselves, to be submitted to the Legislature in connection with the proposed new charter.

NOT TRUE.

The rumored failure of the Manhattan Savings Bank is untrue.

THE BROKEN MARKET SAVINGS BANK.

A large crowd of indignant depositors have gathered around the office of the Market Savings Bank, in Nassau street, but no violence has yet been committed. It is stated that the bank's exhibit will be presented to-morrow morning.

TWEED.

Tweed's constituents request him either to go into the Senate or resign. It is stated that Tweed only waits to buy two more of the Legislature to secure him from expulsion, and that he is waiting to obtain them.

MEMORIAL TO FISK.

The police of this city propose a testimonial to the memory of Fisk.

Railroad Items.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 22.—Harrison Township, including this city, voted to-day, by a very large majority, to appropriate $100,000 to aid in the construction of the proposed Terre Haute & Southwestern Railroad.

FORT WAYNE, Jan. 22.—We understand that means have been secured to commence the construction of the New York, West Shore & Chicago Railway at once. The line begins at the head of the west side of the Hudson River in connection with the Canada Southern Road, now under rapid construction. The road will give another great Eastern connection with Chicago, via Fort Wayne to New York. Hon. Jesse L. Williams, of this city, has been appointed to act as consulting engineer, but has not yet accepted. Should he do so, he understands, to resign.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22.—The superstructure on the short line railroad from Dayton to Cincinnati is substantially completed. The second bridge, across the Miami, south of Dayton, will be finished within a fortnight, and the work of laying rail soon be commenced.

New York Legislature.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 22.—Twombley substitute creating a Board of Audit, to act as counsel against the city and county of New York, was adopted to-day by the Assembly. This is a triumph for the Pentonites.

Wire Ordinance.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: From the correspondence on this subject, I gather that there is a strong disposition on the part of some portion of the Council to deal leniently with "oriel windows" and other pesty nuisances which are supposed to ornament the city; and that it is not impossible that the poor man's cheap wooden house may be interdicted, where his richer or more ambitious neighbor's oriel windows, or puppetty, useless ornamental, but fuel-fetish-like things for an analyzed conflagration. If this should be so, and your Aldermen prohibit the useful wall and permit the useless bedroom-room, the world may well cry, shame! While a church can put up a wooden steeple or pinnacle, or block can put up a wooden cornice, and a mansion can put on wooden or marble-fronts, and wood-fronted mansion can propel to the five hours the labyrinths of wooden scrollwork, and mouldings, it is the grossest inequality to bid the poor man to erect his cottage of pine boards.

This whole question shows the danger of beginning to do wrong, and the great difficulty of ceasing to do evil, and learning to do well.

There are so many wooden houses that even if no other should ever be built, the city must be burned down. Therefore, as the additional money already invested in them, that it is a serious question to face. With circumscribed fire-limits, they might be moved for convenience, and if no place is left for them, what becomes of the capital invested?

This is a question to test human ingenuity and courage; but there is nothing to be gained by shutting the eyes to the fact that these buildings must be taken out of the city or burned. There is scarcely a probability that the place can be preserved from a second conflagration, even grander than the past, for twenty years. Chicago is only twenty years old; and there are twenty-five traps now for one there was twenty years ago. The sun will not stop drying these traps; the wind will not stop blowing on them; reckless men and women will carry lamps into stables stored with hay, and cellars saturated with oil; people will have their oyster-stews, and milk to put in them, if a thousand deaths stand at the door. One might as well hope to change the stature of a nation in a day as to teach every inhabitant of a city each habits of caution as could bring security to such a collection of kindling wood as this presents to-day; and the question really before this people is, whether it is is cheaper to empty their square miles of timber-boxes, appraise and burn them, some dozen times when the wind blows from the centre of the city, then tax the people to pay the owners of the building, or run the risk of utter destruction. Some such question as this and simply part of the occupants burned some day or night, when the wind must cause the flames to sweep the city.

Men should look this question bravely and squarely in the face. They know now that their Fire Department, and all the Fire Departments in the State, had they been combined, could not have stayed the late destruction; and those who shut their eyes to the danger, and prepare not, and in the old way, give no exhibition of courage, but rather of that cowardice which would hope to bend over the fire, are a manner becoming men. It is time they were done with the game of Let's-make-believe-build-a-city, as children play Let's-pretend-keep-house. The men who built the Chicago Lake Tunnel, turned the river up stream, and made the ground for a city, can build one, if they set about it; can build real cities that shall not be folded up, like an Arab tent, and carried off in a night, but one that shall be a fixture on the face of the earth, while cities stand as mile-stones on the march of Time.

JANE G. SWISHELM.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Sad Fate of a Hartford Lady.

From the Hartford (Conn.) Courant, Jan. 19.

Mrs. Phillip Ripley, and elderly lady, resides at No. 96 Church street, and keeps a few boarders, among whom have been Captain Thomas D. Burke and wife. Mrs. Burke has not been in good health for some time past. Yesterday, after the regular breakfast hour, when her husband and others had finished their meal, and all but Mrs. Ripley and a servant girl had gone from the house, she left her room and went into the dining-room down stairs, where the servant was eating, and drank a cup of tea. Nothing unusual was observed in her appearance at this time. She asked the girl to make a fire in her room, and the girl got kindlings and coal and went up. Mrs. Burke then made the fire herself. She brought down a pan of ashes, and that was the last the servant girl saw of her until after the terrible accident which soon followed. While the kitchen girl was out at a neighboring house, Mrs. Ripley, who was in the dining room was suddenly startled by the alarm of fire, from the cry of Mrs. Burke running down the stairs in the front hall enveloped in flames.

From the stairway, the foot of which is very near the door of the dining room, she rushed through the room into the kitchen. Mrs. Ripley being so overcome, meantime, that she did not, for the moment, realize the terrible situation of affairs; but right away ran into the other part of the house, followed by Mr. Carter, after water, and the people there immediately rushed back to the assistance of the unfortunate woman, but it was too late to save her dreadful death. When it decided, the fire had so enwrapped her before she came below, that it is probable no human agency could have saved her life. After you reached the kitchen you stood by the door, the smoke-colored paint about it showing that she must have been in that position just before she dropped to the floor. The fire had burned the canned fruit, the crisp in some places, though her full form was preserved. All her clothing was burned off, save a slight portion about the waist. The heat was so intense that some of the wires in her hoop-skirt were melted in pieces. Her face wore a most agonized expression, and was tortured out of shape almost beyond recognition.

It transpired that, a short time before the accident, a lady friend of Mrs. Burke had called and remained a short time. This lady very soon came in and made the following statement, which threw a good deal of light upon the affair:

"I knew her well, and being out marketing thought I would call and see how she was getting along, as I was aware she had not been well of late. I went to her room, and she appeared so different from what I had ever seen her before. She looked wild, and took hold of my dress and held on to me, and said:

"'O! stay with me, don't leave me! don't leave me!

"'I was afraid of her, she acted so strangely, and I said, 'what is the matter?' and she replied:

"'O, I have had so much trouble with the fire this morning—I've got so nervous—stay with me.'

"I went down stairs to speak to some of the folks about her, and she followed me to the head of the stairs. I looked into the dining room and kitchen, and saw no one there, and then finding that she had gone back to her room, left the house. She appeared frantic, as if she had taken morphine."

There was no doubt now that the accident occurred in consequence of the temporary mental derangement of Mrs. Burke. She must have been taken so during the morphine, which she was using as a medicine, and thus have become partially deranged, which led to carelessness.

A BRITISH MAGNATE.

Retirement of the Speaker of the House of Commons.

From the New York Evening Post.

The recent announcement of the approaching retirement of the Speaker of the House of Commons is an event which has for some time been expected. For many months various rumors have been rife as to his successor. The Right Hon. John Evelyn Denison succeeded Mr. Shaw Lefevre (since created Viscount Eversley, taking his title from the parish adjoining his estate) well known as the home of Charles Kingsley) in 1857.

He comes of a family, no doubt, like that of his predecessor whose ancestors were driven over in the revocation of the Edict of Nantes—of foreign origin.

Probably the first Denisons were Flemish weavers. There is a very curious monument of black marble, set in white stone, with the arms and supporters of the merchants of the seeds, in the ancient parish church of that city. It is inscribed: "Adjacent is Interred the Body of Mr. Thomas Denison, one of the Society of Merchant Adventurers of England, born 28 Jan. 1621, died 15 June, 1702."

The Denisons, influenced, no doubt, by their connection with weaving in the low country, went into the cloth trade and made money, and rose to the highest civic honors of their native town.

Mr. William Denison, the Speaker's grandfather, having realized a fortune of £700,000, retired, and purchased a splendid estate, Wonington Hall, near Newark, in Nottinghamshire, from the last descendants of an ancient family allied with that of the celebrated Archbishop Cranmer, who was a native of the county, and had large possessions there. Mr. Denison's son and successor married twice, and, curiously enough, whilst his daughter by his first wife became the wife of Mr. Evelyn Denison Speaker of the House of Commons, his eldest son by his second wife became Speaker, too.

The family of the present Speaker is one of the most remarkable for talent in his country. His second brother became Bishop of Salisbury; the third, Sir William Denison, was governor of Madras, and a distinguished officer of engineers; whilst all the rest have more or less distinguished themselves in their various walks of life.

The Speakership of the House of Commons, though not a sinecure, is a guilded office, for the work is during the session very fatiguing, is a great prize, securing, as it does, to the possessor of the office the position of first commoner in the realm, a seat in the Privy Council, a salary of $25,000 a year, a princely mansion furnished and maintained at the public expense, and, on retirement, a Viscountcy and a pension for himself and his successor in the title of $20,000 a year. As it happens, neither the late nor present Speaker has a son to inherit these latter advantages, and Mr. Denison had the misfortune to lose his nephew and next heir, the son of the Bishop, a young man of extraordinary excellence and promise, who died in Melbourne of consumption two years ago, after having made a name for himself in the House of Commons, in which he represented Newark, a constituency to which Mr. Disdeli addressed his first speech.

The Speaker, who is a Whig, married a sister of the eminent Conservative leader, Lord George Bentinck, brother of the Duke of Portland, whose early death was so much deplored by the party, and who has been commemorated in a biography from the pen of Mr. Disraeli.

The first holder of this great office on record was Sir Thomas Hungerford, Speaker in 1377. The Speaker is elected by the House of Commons from among its own members at the commencement of every new Parliament. The House being informed that it is the Queen's pleasure she should choose some proper person to be their Speaker, and present him for Her Majesty's approbation. On this being signified, the Speaker claims for the Commons all their ancient rights and privileges. The Speaker is usually, but not invariably, re-elected by a new Parliament, if he is in the constituency competent. Up to 1833, the House could not sit without him; but in that year, on the report of a Committee, the House resolved that when the unavoidable cause could not attend, the Chairman of Committee of the Whole House should take his place.

Sir John Coleridge, the Attorney General, whose name has become so prominent in connection with the Tichborne case, is first favorite for the Speakership. His chance of a seat on the woolsack as Lord Chancellor is rendered more remote than it would otherwise be by the fact of Sir Roundell Palmer's paramount claim to that honor, should he consent to accept it, so that the Speakership may prove acceptable to him.

One point to which the House has hitherto paid attention in selecting a Speaker is a fine personal presence. Sir John Coleridge, though not actually a handsome man, is tall and has a highly intellectual face, and he further has the valuable gift of a most sweet-toned voice.

MISSISSIPPI.

Organization of the Legislature—Gov. Ames's Message.

JACKSON, Miss. (Jan. 10) Correspondence of the New York Tribune.

The Legislature has been in session a week or more, and the work of legislation has begun in earnest. The Hon. John R. Lynch, colored, was elected Speaker of the House. This progressive son of the enfranchised race was born in Louisiana, in the old slave time, and has reached, in his 27th year, this dignified position in the councils of a great State. His election was contested firmly by a few white Republicans, who desired to elect one of their own color; but the colored element in the party maintained that, as they were considerably in the ascendant, they should have a Speaker of their own choice. In point of education, Mr. Lynch is amply fitted for the position, possessing as well unusual natural ability. He is well versed in parliamentary law and usages, and has proved in many heated contests in the House to be second to none in the conduct of debate.

The Senate organized by the selection of Senator Bennett *pro tem.*, which is considered a victory for the friends of Senator Alcorn. Both Senators Alcorn and Ames have been present during the organization of the Legislature, and there has been considerable interest manifested as to which of these gentlemen's friends should be most prominent in the organization of both Houses. The advantages thus far seem to be with Senator Alcorn's friends.

Governor Powers delivered his message before the two houses. He made many recommendations, which will engage the attention of the Legislature. He announces the entire suppression of the Ku-Klux gangs in that State, and refers to the entire tranquility reigning throughout its border. The financial exhibit shows that the indebtedness of the State has increased during the past year $1,267,986,77. To meet this, the Governor advocates the funding of the debt and the issuence of 6 per cent bonds, running eight years, and that in the future all taxes of the State be collected in currency. The process of education is marked and continuous, but the Government opposes earnestly the building of costly school-houses and furnishing them with expensive furniture and libraries. He thinks that the money raised by taxation could be put to much better use in the hands of teachers. The rudiment of an education he believes can be taught in log school-houses. The statistics of schools in the State show that 5,000 school-houses have been established; that 3,300 teachers were employed in 1871, an that 90,000 pupils have been in attendance during the past year. The Governor concludes his message with an earnest recommendation for reform and retrenchment in all departments of the State Government.

A London Fog.

From the London Times, Dec. 25.

On Saturday the whole metropolis, with its suburbs for miles round, was visited by one of the densest fogs experienced for many years. It lasted for more than half a day, and was especially palpable and general throughout the city. There has been nothing like it in that part of the town since the morning of the memorable 4th of December, 1848, which is in pageant, in the Mayoralty of Sir Thomas Dakin, started by torchlight from Guildhall on its way to Westminister. The fog on Saturday seemed to be the most part from the southern side of the metropolis, though it was pretty general all over. London Bridge was entirely veiled, the Thames Embankment, conduct of the London & Southeastern Railway, and the river traffic, especially below bridge, was suspended for some hours. In all the suburban railway fog signals were largely used from an early hour in the morning, and extreme care had to be used both in working the station signals and in running the trains in the short interval between Cannon street and Charing Cross the trains were repeatedly stopped between stations and detained for many minutes, from considerations of safety. A scene like it was not known in the city as at midnight, with this aggravation, that the public lamps were not lit, and the scene in the space in front of the Mansion House, where the constant angry altercations among contending drivers, consequent upon the stoppage of the traffic, almost baffled description. It was hardly safe, all along Fleet street, from Temple Bar eastward, and all the other main thoroughfares of the city. Toward 1 o'clock, when the fog was most dense, and when the prevailing confusion had become worse and more general, a appeal was made to the proper authority at Guildhall to have the public lamps lighted for a time, but the answer was that the contractors were not bound by their agreement to light them between sunrise and sunset. There must have been great risk to life and limb at some of the principal crossings. At dining-rooms and kitchens, and even in front of the Mansion House were lit, as those on the southern side of the Bank of England had been for some time before, and it is said that by the general gloom and confusion were sensibly lessened. Most of the shop-keepers in the principal streets also lighted their gas. Shortly after 1 o'clock the fog began to shade; the sun, which until then had only been visible as a large blood-red spot in the sky, at length shone out, and the metropolis assumed its accustomed appearance.

Dr. Edward Jenner.

This distinguished man, to whom a monument is about being erected at his birthplace, was the third son of Rev. Stephen Jenner, Rector of Rockhampton, and born at Berkeley, Gloucestershire, England, May 17, 1749. At the conclusion of his regular education, young Jenner went to Sodbury, near Bristol, and there acquired a practical knowledge of the elements of surgery and pharmacy, under the teachings of an eminent surgeon named Ludlow. When he had attained his majority, he left Sodbury for London, and was a pupil of the celebrated Dr. John Hunter. With such an accomplished master his progress was rapid, and he soon became a skilful anatomist, an able pathologist, a laborious experimenter and a good naturalist. After finishing his studies in the metropolis, Jenner returned to his native town and commenced practice, speedily gaining an extensive and remunerative patronage.

It was at Sodbury, while yet a medical student, unnoticed and unknown, that he first caught the idea of vaccination. A young woman who came to him for advice, happened to remark when speaking of smallpox: "I cannot take that disease, for I have had cow-pox." This was previous to 1770, and not until 1775 did Jenner have an opportunity to fully test the truth of the discovery which chance threw in his way. In the latter year he subjected the matter to careful and thorough investigation, and in 1780 he had reduced his conclusions to a logical theory. On the 14th May, 1796, the eventful experiment was made on one James Phipps, and vaccination became an accomplished fact. The faculty at first offered violent opposition to the new principle, but truth soon conquered, and large and lucrative practice was soon promulgated throughout the civilized world. Honors now came thick and fast upon Jenner. He was elected a member of nearly all the learned societies of Europe. In 1802 parliament voted him $50,000, and in 1807, $100,000, and in 1823 the Emperor of Russia offered to confer upon him an ordor of nobility. He died at Berkeley of apoplexy in 1823. A statue was erected to his memory at Boulogne, by the French, in 1805, and another was raised in London a few years since.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 22—11:15 a. m.—Flour 20@25c dearer. Wheat, 1½ to 2d@1s 11d; No. 1 spring, 11s 7d; No. 2 spring, 11s; white, 12s 6d. Corn, 3d@5s 9d. Peas, 39s 6d.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 22—1:30 p. m.—Market unchanged.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 22—4:30 p. m.—Wheat, (spring) account, 9½ Bonds, '63, 93½; '65, 93½; '67, 93½; 10-40s, 92.

PARIS, Jan. 22.—Rentes, 72f 25c.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 22.—Cotton—Quiet and steady; middling upland, 10½d; Orleans, 10¾d; sales, 12,000 bales; for speculation and export, 3,000 for export. Shipments from Bombay since last report, 13,000 bales.

California white wheat, 12s 5d; red winter, 12s 3d@12s 4d; red winter, 12s 2d@12s 11d; flour, 26s@32s. Corn, No. 2 mixed, 30s 6d.

Provisions—Cumberland mid lies, 33s; short ribs, 34s.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Jan 22.—The weather is good, but the markets are weakening under increased receipts of freights, and are expected to advance soon, and drovers rush in lots of our stock.". Beeves dull and heavy at Comstock's and Vechawkes, making Hundreds steers, and 41 cows, 1,600 head, at 8,100 for the week. The large proportion of thin cattle causes a decline on all but the choicest. Monday's sales: Cattle, good, 11@11½c; very few of the best at 12c; prime to choice, 10½@11c; fair and half fat, 9½@10c; inferior and thin, 8@9c. Cows and calves, 1,000 head; sales at $45@$80 each. Veal calves, 1,000 head; sales at 7@8c. Sheep and lambs, 6,000 head; sales at 6@6½c. Hogs, 3,000 head; sales at 6½@6¾c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Receipts—Flour, 6,000 barrels; wheat, 9,000; corn, 37,000; oats, 22,000; barley, 6,000; rye, 5,000; hogs, 3,500; cattle, 300.

BUFFALO, Jan. 22.—Breadstuffs—Market generally inactive; prices to operators nominal. Cargo No. 2 corn offered at 56c, to arrive.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Breadstuffs—Flour dull; Wisconsin and Minnesota, $7.37½@8.25; State, 7.60@7.80; Indiana and Ohio, $7.25@7.75. Wheat dull; Western, fair, $1.60@1.65. Rye in good demand at 90c. Corn very quiet; yellow, 65@66c; mixed Western, 63@64c. Oats—White, 53@56c; yellow, 50@52c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork dull at $14.50. Lard, 9¼@9¾c.

WHISKEY—Dull at 94@95c.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 22.—Breadstuffs—Flour dull; Western family, $7.50@8.25; Wheat scarce and firm. Corn, mixed Western, 67@68c. Oats firm at 53@55c.

PROVISIONS—Unchanged.

WHISKEY—Firmer at 95c.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 22.—Breadstuffs—Flour, dull; superfine, $6.75; XX, $7.00; XXX, $8.00. Corn, 70@71c. Oats, 59@60c. Bran lower, at $1.30. Hay firmer, dull at $28.00; choice, scarce at $32.00@35.00.

PROVISIONS—Pork firm; mess, $14.50@14.75. Bacon, shoulders, 7½c; clear sides, scarce and higher at 8½; sugar-cured hams, new, 12½@13c. Lard, export demand, tierces 9½@9¾c; keg, 10@10½c.

GROCERIES—Sugar quiet; inferior, 8½@8¾c; common, 8½@7½c; fair to fully fair, 8@9c. Molasses, a little easier; inferior, 25@30c; common and centrifugal, 35@40c; prime, 45@50c; strictly prime, 52@53c; prime, 42@45c; strictly prime, 42@48c. Coffee unchanged.

EXCHANGE—Sterling, 18½; sight, par; gold, 109½.

COTTON—Quiet; sales, 400 bales; good ordinary, 19½@20c; low middling, 20½@20½c; middling, 21½c; good middling, 22c; receipts to Liverpool, 6,395 bales; do to the continent, 5,384 bales; do to New York, 1,184 bales; stock, 196,789 bales.

WHISKEY—Rectified, $1.00.

TOLEDO.

TOLEDO, Jan. 22.—Breadstuffs—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat—Extra scarce and unchanged; No. 2 white Wabash, 1.29; amber Michigan, 1.29; white Michigan, 1.29; white Western, 1.29; yellow, 1.29. Oats dull and unchanged; Western and Ohio, 39@40c.

Rye—In buyers' favor, at 80@83c.

Hops—Unchanged.

GROCERIES—Coffee quiet and firm; Rio, 19½@21c; Sugar steady; fair to good refining, 9½@9½c; Cuba, 9½@10c, Molasses steady; New Orleans, 45@48c. Rice easier at 7½@8½c.

PETROLEUM—Crude, 13c; refined, Dromedary, 23c.

TURPENTINE—Dull at 46c.

PROVISIONS—Pork dull; quiet; new mess, $14.37½@14.50; old, $14.87½@15.00. Lard prime, $12.25; new prime mess, $14.00; mess for May, $14.75. Beef steady; mess, 9@11c; extra, —@12c. Bacon quiet, firmer and higher; shoulders, 7½c; clear rib, sides, 8½@9c; packed, 7½@8c. Hams long cut, 11@12c; short cut, 12@12½c; sugar cured hams, 13c; sales, 110 tierces. Bulk meats—Active at Saturday's quotations. Lard—prime lear in tierces, 9@9½c; kegs, 10c.

WHISKEY—Steady; 88c.

Toilettes of Rome.

Rome Correspondence of the Philadelphia Bulletin.

I don't know how you are dressing in America at present, but the ladies of fashion in Rome are entirely unlike those of last season, and very beautiful of course, as the new fashion always is to a properly educated woman's eyes. Everything is worn, to be sure, but I notice at the various receptions, dinners, opera and plays that the *bouillons, paniers, pouffs* and large bows of last year have been replaced by great flat plaids, fringes scarfs. The gown is straight in front; the waist is short, the corsage square in front and behind, with only shoulder straps to hold it; and on the beautiful and eglynecks alike are displayed heavy jewels, great chains and huge medallions. On the head is the Spanish comb and *chaus* of lace and flowers, with long double ribbons, knotting their ends in the braids which hang below the waist. The back of the neck, that handsomest part of a beautiful woman, is totally hidden from view. Of course the toilettes of last year are also seen, even on the *eleganies*; but the above description applies to the general mode. The young women, however, look just as handsome as ever. English women show extraordinaries in dress. I noticed at an evening reception, last Sunday, an English lady of rank in a most comfortable gown. The petticoat was garnet satin short; over it was a train and *sopra vesta*, of rich wine-colored velvet, around which ran a bordering of silver fox fur. It was more like a carriage dress to be worn, but nevertheless it was very costly to look at in the high-ceilinged palatial drawing-room, which no fire could warm, and in which the lamps burned dimly, the olive oil being chilled by the cold.

A San Francisco despatch says there is a strong feeling prevailing in favor of direct aid to the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad, to secure uninterrupted communication at all seasons, and through competition, with lower freight and passenger rates.

—Reports from along the line of the Union Pacific Railroad, on Sunday, gave notice of storms, and the blocking of the road by snow. The storm has continued Yesterday, and the road is reported blocked between Laramie and Rawlins.

—The best 25,000 acres of agricultural misters of California at the lowest figures, at from twelve millions of dollars, at the lowest estimate, 34,000,000 in gold.

—The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce commenced yesterday to report on sales the book of the Chamber time sales in addition to the cash transactions heretofore reported. The plan has failed for some time, and its consummation gives satisfaction to a large number of merchants.

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WHITE WINE VINEGAR.

Good superb article. Warranted pure, and to preserve pickles. Ask for it. 311 and 313 Wabash-av.

DIED.

KNORR—In this city, Jan. 21, Anna M. Younge, daughter of the late C. F. Knorr, aged 2 years. Funeral at 2 o'clock p. m. to-day, from the residence of her parents, 1,345 Milwaukee-av. Jan 19 o'clock a. m.

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CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—CHOICE BUSINESS PROPERTY—25 ft on Wabash-av, 160 ft south of Van Buren-st, 50 ft on Lake-st, between Wabash and Michigan, $600 per foot.

50 ft on Michigan-av, corner of Randolph, $1,000 per foot.

50 ft on Randolph-st, corner of Wells, $1,000 per foot.

45 ft on Lake-st, about 100 ft west of Wabash, $1,000 per f-ot.

54 ft on Michigan-av, southwest corner Van Buren, $800 per foot.

25 ft on Van Buren, near Wabash, $600 per foot.

Also a number of first-class residences on the avenues. A. J. AVERELL, real estate office, 600 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE FOR NORTH Side, burnt district, property, one or two 14 story cottages, nearly new, of 6 rooms each, closets and pantry; water in kitchen; large wood and coal house; side yard; gas in street; two blocks from street cars, near Lincoln park; would assume a moderate incumbrance. Address M. F. PROUTY, corner Randolph-st. and Michigan-av.

FOR SALE—MANUFACTURING LOTS—TEN of Lots, each 20x125 ft, on Arthur-st, running back to the P. Ft. Wayne Railway, near Eighteenth-st, upon city sewerage, gas and water. Also 160 lots, each 25x125 ft, on Oglesby-ave, of Kinzie-st. Railroad front. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon Building, north-east cor. of Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—LOTS ON 5 YEARS' TIME, 7 PER cent interest; purchasers building at once need make but small cash payment. Three lots in the South Side Division, within one block of horse cars, and just outside the fire limits; to mechanics and laboring men they offer great inducements. FRED. L. FAKE & CO., 140 Michigan-av.

FOR SALE—THE VERY DESIRABLE FRAME House, No. 142 Thirty-first-st; has 13 rooms, water, gas, &c., lot 50x125; good barn; will be sold cheap and on easy terms. FRED. L. FAKE & CO., 140 Michigan-av.

FOR SALE—THE NEW AND HANDSOMELY built houses, 223 and 231 Thirtieth-st, between Wabash and Michigan-avs.; have 13 rooms, bath, etc.; lots 24x125 feet; terms easy. Also a number of lots for sale if required; terms can be made very easy. FRED. L. FAKE & CO., 140 Michigan-av.

FOR SALE—$10M FEET OF COLLEGE-ST. fronting south on the grounds of the Douglas University; will be sold on very easy terms, and but a small cash payment required. Possession will be given at once. FRED. L. FAKE & CO., 140 Michigan-av.

FOR SALE—LOTS IN HITMER DIVISION OF the city, for manufacturing or residence purposes, on long time, without any cash payment, to parties who wish to build immediately. SNYDER & LEE, 14 Nixon's Building, southeast corner Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—BUSINESS PROPERTY—I HAVE for sale, at reasonable prices, desirable lots for improvement on Michigan and Wabash-avs., Madison-st, State, Harrison, Clark, LaSalle and Wells-sts. and elsewhere in the burnt district. J. D. HARVEY, Real Estate Agent, 79 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—NO. 79 TWENTY-SECOND-ST., TWO story and basement brick house, with lot 25x125 feet, for $11,000. The cheapest and only brick house for sale on that street. Apply to A. GUILD, 42 Clark-st, or L. J. HITZ, at Prussing's Vinegar Works, 231 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—STORE 216 MICHIGAN-AV., LAKE front, 100x140, opposite new Tremont House. Inquire of PHELPS, DODGE & PALMER, 219 Michigan-av.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, HOUSE AND LOT 1335 Wabash-av. Also houses and lots, 46 and 48 Warren-av. E. H. CUMMINGS, 103 Fulton-st., 9 to 11 a. m.

FOR SALE—A DESIRABLE HOUSE AND LOT on 24th-st, on Mt. Pleasant, near Harrison, only $2,850. J. H. KEELER, 262 Halsted-st., corner Harrison.

FOR SALE—ON MICHIGAN-AV., BETWEEN Thirty-first and Thirty-second-sts., 5 lots, with desirable residence property. J. H. KEELER, 262 Halsted-st., corner Harrison.

FOR SALE—A FINE CORNER LOT, 6 FEET front, on Ashland, Jefferson Park; 2 miles; a bargain. J. H. KEELER, 262 Halsted-st., corner Harrison.

FOR SALE—LOT AND BRICK HOUSE ON Fourth-av., near Polk-st., 16 rooms; easy terms; a bargain. PHIL. F. SCANLAN, 360 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, 13 rooms, 44-foot front, on railroad track, between barn, etc., and lot 50x125 feet, south front on Jackson-st., corner of Throop-av. ANY BODY BUT A LEE, No. 14 Nixon's Building, northeast corner of Monroe and LaSalle-sts.

FOR SALE—LOT ON WEST RANDOLPH-ST., near Halsted, 22x100 feet, with two-story and basement brick house and Mansard roof, with all modern improvements, in perfect order, which can be bought cheap; can be had cheap and on easy terms. A. LOEB & BROTHER, 56 West Lake-st.

FOR SALE—WASHINGTON-AV., NEAR UNION Park, $5,500—Two-story and basement brick house, to suit. Possession May 1. GEO. H. HESS, southeast corner Ashland-av. and Monroe-st.

FOR SALE—$2,250—2 BRICK DWELLINGS ON Park-av. $2,100—New cottage on North Side, $2,000—Cottage and lot on South Side, $7,000—4-story store on Randolph, $7,000—Lot on Oglesby, $1,500—Cottage of 6 rooms, new, on Indiana. $1,800—Cottage of 6 rooms, new, on Indiana.

167 West Washington-st.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT 1413 Indiana-av. House and lease of lot on state-st. $2,100 on Michigan-av. $2,500—Lot on Dearborn-st. $1,800—Lot on Wabash-av., between Adams and Monroe. JAMES H. HILL, 219 State-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP COTTAGE AND LOT ON Warren-av., between Robey and Wood-sts. Also a marble-front for sale, reasonable. Dean Division. Owners will please communicate, stating location, prices and terms. FRED. L. FAKE & CO., 140 Michigan-av.

TO RENT—HOUSES.

TO RENT—NOS. 46 AND 48 LANGLEY, TWO new 2-story frame houses of 11 rooms, water, gas, &c. No. 1418 Indiana-av. A. No. 1 brewery. Good chance to make house-renting a specialty. JAMES H. HILL, 219 State-st.

TO RENT—OR FOR SALE—THREE 2-STORY and basement brick houses, situated on Thirty-second-st., 1st west of Cottage Grove-av., corner of